GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

POLICE - Setting up of Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) in four districts of A.P. at Eluru (West Godavari Dist), Guntur (Guntur Dist), Anantapur (Anantapur Dist), Karimnagar (Karimnagar Dist) and at Women Protection Cell, CID, Hyderabad, for preventing and combating crime of trafficking in persons and to bring traffickers to justice and to rescue victims – Designating Addl. D.G.P., CID as AP State level AHT Nodal Officer to supervise the AHT work across the State and to co-ordinate intra-state and inter-state AHT operations – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PS & C.A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 165

Dated: 25th June, 2011 Read the following:

- 1. From Sri Gopal K.Pillai, Home Secretary, MHA, GOI, North Block, New Delhi vide D.O.Lr.No.15020/ 08/2007-ATC, dt.16.6.2010
- 2. Video Conference held on 17-03-2011 by Addl. Secretary MHA, New Delhi with all State Nodal Officers across the country to formulate a comprehensive scheme for formation of Anti-Human Trafficking Units by issuance of G.O. to start Anti-Human Trafficking Units.
- 3. Govt. Memo No.18875/PSC/A2/2010 dated: 30.6.2010.
- 4. From the DGP, AP, Hyd., Lr C.No.5012/C14/WPC/CID/2010 dated: 6.8.2010.
- Govt. Memo No.18875/PSC/A2/2010, dated: 20.11.2010 of Home Dept
- From the DGP, AP, Hyd., Lr C.No.5012/C14/WPC/CID/2010 dated: 10.04.2011.

ORDER:

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, vide reference 1st read above, has requested the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments for formulating a comprehensive scheme for strengthening law enforcement in India, by setting up dedicated Anti Human Trafficking Units (with a strength of 1- Inspector, 2- SIs, 2-HCs, 2- PCs in each Unit) in certain affected police districts to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, comprising of a group of trained sensitive officials of the police department, with the assistance of members from Women and Child Welfare Department of the State and also the members of reputed local NGOs as and when required.

- 2. The Addl. Secretary (CS), MHA, New Delhi, vide reference 2nd read above, has recommended the State Government to formulate a Comprehensive Scheme through a Government Order to start Anti Human Trafficking Units at five (5) places in Andhra Pradesh for the current year i.e., at Eluru (West Godavari Dist), Guntur (Guntur Dist), Anantapur (Anantapur Dist), Karimnagar (Karimnagar Dist) and at Women Protection Cell, CID, Hyderabad. The Addl. Secretary, MHA, New Delhi also recommended for formulating victim compensation scheme as per Sec. 357-A Cr.P.C.
- 3. Accordingly, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, vide reference 4th and 6th read above, has identified five places in A.P for setting up of dedicated Anti Human Trafficking Units to combat the traffickers of all hues, and to rescue victims.
- 4. The Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of the Director General of Police, Hyderabad, read with the said advice of the Government of India, MHA, New Delhi have decided to establish Anti Human Trafficking Units at the following places of Andhra Pradesh and to designate the Addl. DGP, CID, Hyderabad as AP State level Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) Nodal Officer:

- 1) Eluru (West Godavari Dist)
- 2) Guntur (Guntur Dist)
- 3) Anantapur (Anantapur Dist)
- 4) Karimnagar (Karimnagar Dist)
- 5) Women Protection Cell, CID, Hyderabad.
- 5. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the next Extra-Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

- (I) The Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the establishment of Anti Human Trafficking Units at the following places under the direct control and supervision of the respective Superintendents of Police who will review the progress of the work turned out by these units on a monthly basis and submit a report to the State Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) Nodal Officer.
 - 1) Eluru (West Godavari Dist)
 - 2) Guntur (Guntur Dist)
 - 3) Anantapur (Anantapur Dist)
 - 4) Karimnagar (Karimnagar Dist)
 - 5) Women Protection Cell, CID, Hyderabad under the control and supervision of Superintendent of Police, Women Protection Cell, CID.
- (II) And that the Addl. DGP, CID, AP, Hyderabad will be the State level Anti Human Trafficking Nodal Officer. He will supervise the Anti Human Trafficking work across the State, co-ordinate intra-state and inter-state operations to bring traffickers of all hues to justice, to rescue victims and to take up measures for rehabilitation of victims in consultation with Women and Child Welfare Department and other Departments. The Government also notifies the respective Superintendents of Police of all the Districts in Andhra Pradesh and the Commissioners of Police of all Commissionerates duly designating them as Nodal Officers for Anti Human Trafficking in their respective Units.
- (III) The **charter of duties** to be performed by the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) is listed below:
- A. Dealing with offences of human trafficking (HT) and providing multi disciplinary approach and ensuring a joint response by all stakeholders.
- B. Dealing with HT as an 'organized crime' with 'basket of crimes concept' (involving offences of wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, selling and buying minors for the purpose of prostitution, begging, bonded labour, gang rape, subjecting women and children to commercial sexual exploitation etc). Ensuring application of all Acts such as Immoral Traffic Prevention Act-1956 (I.T.P.A), Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C), Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act-2000 (J.J Act), Bonded labour system (Abolition Act-1976) and relevant penal provisions of Indian Penal Code- (I.P.C) i.e., Sec.366-A, 366-B, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 376(2)(g), 509, 341, 342, 365 IPC etc., with the help of Director of Prosecution, AP, Hyderabad.
- C. Bringing about **'inter-departmental collaboration'** among the police and all other Government agencies and departments, such as women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens Dept, Labour, Health, Sarva Sikhsa Abhayan etc.

- D. Conducting rescue operations with the assistance of NGOs, Women & Child Department and Labour Welfare Dept whenever they receive information about trafficking activities either from police sources, or NGOs or from civil society.
- E. Ensuring registration of cases from the perspective of trafficking as a **'continuous crime concept'** i.e, from the source to the destination.
- F. Providing 'victim witness support' till the end of the trial.
- G. Guiding and mentoring NGOs from the prosecution perspective inter alia evidence collection, victim preparation for trial etc.
- H. Ensuring 'a victim-centric approach' which ensures the best interest of the victim / survivor and preventing secondary victimization / revictimization of the victim as well as ensuring a gender sensitive and child rights sensitive approach in dealing with trafficked victims.
- I. Functioning as the 'grass roots unit' for collection and development of an exhaustive database on all law enforcement aspects of the crime, including information on traffickers secret networks and trafficking gangs, which they will convey to the District and State Crime Records Bureau for further transmission to the National Crime Records Bureau. AHTUs will facilitate availability of comprehensive national level data on this criminal activity.
- J. The AHTU will attend to all the three aspects of trafficking viz., **prevention, protection and prosecution**. The AHTU will thus be the 'field level functional unit' to address human trafficking in a holistic manner.
- K. The AHTUs will work closely with the District Administration and with Project Directors of Department for Women, Children, Disabled, Senior Citizens. They will ensure access to timely relief to victim as per Government policy vide GO Ms.No.1 of WD, CW & DW (Progs) Dept dt.03.01.2003, sanction of Interim Relief fund and other relief as per GO Ms.No.28 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens, dated: 13.06.2011 to the victims and send monthly returns to AP State Nodal Officer, ADGP, CID.
- (IV) The Addl. Director General of Police, CID being the State Level AHT Nodal Officer shall coordinate and review the work of all AHTUs from time to time.
- (V) The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh shall take measures to setup the five (5) Anti Human Trafficking Units as mentioned above with a strength of one (1) Inspector, two (2) Sub Inspectors, two (2) Head Constables and two (2) Police Constables in each Unit under the supervision and control of the respective Superintendents of Police. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, may provide the strength in the ranks of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police from out of the Vacancy Reserved strength sanctioned to the concerned unit. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, will arrange for the Head Constables and Police Constables by way of attachment from the concerned district strength. He may also provide infra structure facilities and take up adequate training of police personnel for effective implementation of the scheme. He shall also formulate an implementable scheme for victim compensation as envisaged in Sec. 357-A Cr.P.C.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

P. GAUTAM KUMAR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Director General of Police, A.P., Hyderabad.

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The Addl. Director General of Police, CID, Hyderabad. The Superintendents of Police West Godavari, Guntur,

Anantapur and Karimnagar

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